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1)⊠ R	esponsive to communication(s) filed on 19 Ja	nuary 2005.						
2a)⊠ Ť	This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.							
3)□ S	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is							
cl	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition	n of Claims							
4)⊠ C	laim(s) <u>1-18 and 20-35</u> is/are pending in the a	application.						
4a	4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>25-35</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5)⊠ C	5) Claim(s) <u>1-18 and 20-22</u> is/are allowed.							
	Claim(s) <u>23 and 24</u> is/are rejected.							
·	Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8)[_] C	laim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.						
Application Papers								
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.								
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.								
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11)∐ Tr	ne oath or declaration is objected to by the Exa	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119								
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:								
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.								
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage 								
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).								
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.								
Attachment(s	s)							
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)								
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 4, 14 and 20-22 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 4, lines 2-3, "the integrated circuit" should be changed to "the active semiconductor substrate" for clarity.

In claim 14, line 2, and claim 22, line 1, "the substrate" should be changed to "the support wafer", for clarity.

In claim 20, lines 3-4, after "the integrated circuit" insert --wafer--, for clarity.

In claim 21, line 1, the phrase "the integrated circuit is" should be changed to "the integrated circuit wafer comprises", for clarity.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 23 (second occurrence) -33 have been renumbered 25 - 35.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Linn et al. (PN 5,849,627).

Linn et al. discloses, as shown in Figures 9a-16, an apparatus comprising:

a thinned integrated circuit wafer;

a support wafer being electrically conductive, and comprising at least one of the grop consisting of metal and carbon;

a glue being electrically conductive, the glue being disposed between the integrated circuit wafer and the support wafer and comprising at least one of the group consisting of metal and carbon [Figure 15 and Col. 16, lines 1-56].

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-18 and 20-22 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 23 and 24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung K. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1666. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 6:00-3:30, alternate Friday 7:00-3:30, Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-1732. The Central Fax Number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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April 15, 2005

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Primary Examiner